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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 06326

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, SHUM (DERIAN, PATRICIA M.)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN

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1. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PROPOSED A MEETING FOR
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER KURT NIER AT 1100 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.
MFA US DESK OFFICER ELM INFORMED EMBOFF SEPT. 27 THAT
TWO OR THREE OTHERS WOULD PROBABLY BE INCLUDED ON
THE GDR SIDE AT THIS MEETING. HE IMPLIED THAT A
DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE ABOUT WHO THESE
WOULD BE.

2. ELM STATED THAT THE GDR WELCOMES POLITICAL
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CONSULTATION AS WAS INDICATED IN ITS AIDE MEMOIRE
OF MAY 1977. ELM SAID THAT GDR SEES DISCUSSIONS
WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN IN THIS CONTEXT AND
CONSIDERS THAT THEY WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PROVIDING AN
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SEVERAL MATTERS OF COMMON
INTEREST. ELM ADDED THAT THE USG AND THE GDR
UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER'S POSITIONS IN REGARD TO

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE VERY USEFUL TO REPEAT THESE WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS. EMBOFF SAID THAT US ALSO WELCOMES POSSIBILITY FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND THAT VISIT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH SIDES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. HE RECALLED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN WISHED TO DISCUSS CSCE MATTERS AND RELATED QUESTIONS. EMBOFF ALSO REITERATED THE DESIRE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER. ELM REPLIED THAT FISCHER WAS NOW AT UNGA AND HE WAS NOT SURE WHEN HE WOULD RETURN. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE GDR WILL STRESS A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN AND WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO AVOID ANY CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. END COMMENT.

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN AND PARTY:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

1255 ARRIVAL AT SCHOENEFELD.
- WILL BE MET BY CONTROL OFFICER OTHO
- ESKIN. LUNCHEON FOR ASSISTANT
- SECRETARY DERIAN AT RESIDENCE WITH
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- AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOLEN. LUNCHEON
- ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIEVERT AND HEAPHY
- WILL BE MADE BY CONTROL OFFICER.

AFTERNOON BRIEFING AND CONSULTATIONS AT THE
- EMBASSY.

EVENING AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOLEN WOULD BE
- PLEASED TO INVITE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
- DERIAN AND PARTY TO PERFORMANCE OF
- PRINCE IGOR AT THE STAATSOPER IF THEY
- SO DESIRE.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

MORNING BRIEFING AT THE EMBASSY.

1100 MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
- NIER AND OTHER GDR OFFICIALS.

1300 LUNCHEON

AFTERNOON FREE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH

- EMBASSY STAFF OR VISIT OF EAST BERLIN.

2000 DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOLEN.

- GUESTS TO INCLUDE HIGH-RANKING MFA AND

- OTHER OFFICIALS.

4. WE HAVE RESERVED TWO SINGLES AT HOTEL

METROPOL NEAR EMBASSY FOR SIEVERTS AND HEAPHY. WE ASSUME

THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY HAVE VALID GDR VISAS.

BOLEN

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